

REMARKS

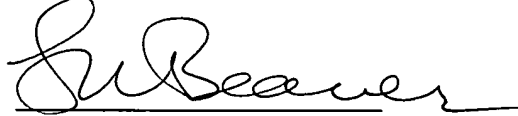
This application was filed with sixty-one (61) claims. Claims 1, 4-6, 10-12, 15-18, 23, 27, 28, 31, 32, 35-37, 45, and 49 have been rejected. The rejected claims have been canceled. However, the applicant does not concede that the rejected claims are not patentable. Applicant intends to file a continuation application, including inter alia the rejected claims for further prosecution of the subject matter. Claims 2, 7, 13, 19-21, 24, 26, 29, 30, 33, 38, 39-44, 46-48, 50-58 have been amended to include the limitation of the base claims and are thus now allowable. Claims 3, 8, 9, 14, 22, and 25, 34 remain in their original form, but due to amendments of the other claims no longer depend on rejected claims. Claims 59-61 are allowable. Therefore, all claims remaining in the application, Claims 2, 3, 7-9, 13, 14, 19-22, 24, 25, 26, 29, 30, 33, 34, 38, 39-44, 46-48, 50-61 are allowable over the prior art and have been placed in proper form. Applicant desires an expeditious patent issuance and therefore respectfully requests the examiner for a notice of allowance.

Request for Extension of Time

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for responding to the March 8, 2006, Office Action for 1 months from June 8, 2006, to July 8, 2006. Applicant encloses herewith a check including the amount of \$120 made payable to the Director of the USPTO for the petition fee. Furthermore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(h), applicant has removed four (4) independent claims from the application and has added thirty (30). Therefore, applicant encloses herewith a check including the amount of \$5,200 [26 additional

independent claims] made payable to the Director of the USPTO for the additional independent claims. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with the filing of this Response to Deposit Account 23-0035.

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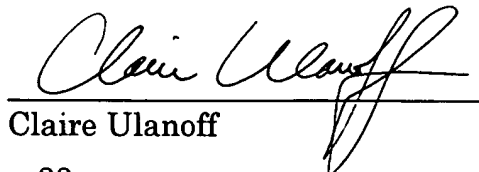
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CERTIFICATE OF FIRST CLASS MAILING

I hereby certify that this Response and Amendment, a check in the amount of \$5,320.00 (\$120.00 for one-month extension of time and \$5,200.00 for additional claims), and a return acknowledgment postcard in Application Serial No.10/657,462 having a filing date of September 8, 2003 are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

On July 7, 2006.



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